

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Bianchi *et al.*

Application No.: 09/941,154

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Title: Assembled Implant, Including Mixed-  
Composition Segment

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

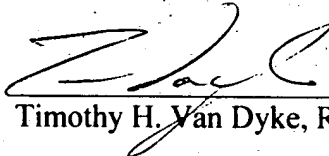
In the claims

Please cancel claims 1-10 and 15-29, without prejudice. These claims are being cancelled as redundant in view of co-pending Application No. 09/782,594.

Respectfully submitted,

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